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NOTICE OF DISBARMENT AND RESTITUTION

(Pending Review)

Case No. 17-59-GA

Notice Issued: March 19, 2018

Harold C. MacDonald, P 16912, Troy, Michigan, by the Attorney Discipline Board Tri-County Hearing Panel #105.

Disbarred, Effective March 16, 2018

The hearing panel found that respondent committed acts of professional misconduct in his conversion of funds from a client's living trust and another client's estate, and by failing to respond to two separate Requests for Investigation. Specifically, respondent failed to a keep client reasonably informed about the status of their matter and failed to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a) and (b); failed to promptly pay or deliver funds that the client or third person is entitled to receive and failed to promptly render a full accounting of such funds, in violation of MRPC 1.15(b)(3); failed to appropriately safeguard client funds by maintaining them in an IOLTA and/or client trust account, and converting the funds, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); failed to appropriately safeguard other client property in a storage facility and in his former office space, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); upon termination of the representation, failed to return client property consisting of the client's funds to the client, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); knowingly failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(2); and failed to answer a Request for Investigation in conformity with MCR 9.113(A), in violation of MCR 9.104(7). Respondent was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(1)-(4) and MRPC 8.4(a)-(c).

The panel ordered that respondent be disbarred from the practice law in Michigan. Respondent was also ordered to pay restitution totaling \$160,545.33. Respondent filed a petition for review and this matter has been scheduled for hearing before the Attorney Discipline Board. Total costs were assessed in the amount of \$3,398.19.

Mark A. Armitage Executive Director

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